

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These Minutes are subject to Approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission

Present: Mary Curran, Craig Ferris, Kristen Hammar, Suzanne Guidera,
John Davin, Anne Peters

Staff Present: Steve Maguire, Land Use Officer, Dawn Fried, Clerk

Ms. Curran opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

PENDING APPLICATIONS

IW #15-01 149 Mount Pleasant Road, Walter Kilcourse. Construct building and associated site improvements.

Mr. Mark Kornhaas, Artel Engineering Group, LLC, Brookfield, CT, and Mr. James M. McManus, JMM Wetland Consulting Services, LLC, Newtown, CT, represented the applicant, Mr. Walter Kilcourse.

Mr. Kornhaas presented a stabilization plan which involves:

- Building a temporary crossing to access stream.
- Removal of old pipe
- Add necessary fill
- Repair, define and stabilize stream bank using coir logs
- Stream bank planting.

Mr. McManus first visited the site in July 2014. He returned to the site on July 2015. He presented aerial views dating back to 1934. Mr. McManus stated that the site has been repeatedly impacted over the years by developers which lead to diminished wetland quality. He stated that the current proposed plan will have no adverse impact on the stream and instead will be a total restoration of the existing stream.

The proposed parking lot will be in the front of the building away from the stream. There will be an 8 foot wall protecting the stream from the building and the parking lot.

The Commissioners needed more time to review the newly submitted plans and will make a decision at the next Inland Wetland meeting on September 9, 2015.

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW APPLICATIONS

IW #15-12 by Wes Thompson, 190 Walnut Tree Hill Road

IW #15-18 by Rand Whitney Container, 32 Schoolhouse Hill Road

IW #15-19 by Renata Adler, 198 Hattertown Road

IW #15-17 by Grace Family Church Inc., property located at 9 Covered Bridge Road for the construction of a 24,900 square foot church with associated access drive (over existing driveway parking grading utilities and drainage). New application dated June 19, 2015. Previous approval was granted for the same use but a different configuration that utilized a wetlands crossing.

It is recommended that:

A public hearing be set for this application on September 23, 2015 at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers in the Newtown Municipal Building due to the scope of work and that a hearing on the application would be in the public's interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for August 12, 2015

Under IW #15-01 change "it" to "in", change "2012" to "2015". Under "Acceptance of New Applications" for IW #15-15 and IW #15-16 add after "that" "a hearing on the". Ms. Curran requested a motion to approve minutes with the suggested revisions. Mr. Davin so moved. Ms. Peters seconded. All in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Curran requested a motion to adjourn meeting. Ms. Peters so moved. Ms. Hammar seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.